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Tracy, CA – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today announced that an exhibition of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition entries will be held this Saturday, April 30th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, located at 715 Central Avenue in Tracy. An awards ceremony will be held at noon, during which Congressman McNerney will announce the winners of the competition.

The competition is part of the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition intended to showcase the artistic talents and abilities of students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. Each Member of Congress hosts a competition among high school students in his or her district. The winning artwork from each district is then displayed in a busy corridor that leads to the U.S. Capitol, used daily by Members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C.

In addition, the grand prize winner from the 11th District will be flown with a guest to Washington, D.C. to attend an awards ceremony on June 22, 2011. The second, third and fourth place winners will also have their work displayed in one of Congressman McNerney's three offices, located in Washington, D.C., Stockton and Pleasanton. A panel of judges will select the winning entries from the 11th Congressional District.

Winnie Chang, a student at California High School in San Ramon, was the grand prize winner of last year's competition for her painting entitled "Oh, California Poppies! – Our State Flower."